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1. EC COMMISSION, THROUGH KEITH ARROWSMITH (DG-VI), HAS ACCEPTED US SUGGESTION (REF. A) THAT BUTTEROIL UMR'S FOR GUINEA BISSAU AND UPPER VOLTA BE REDUCED TO ZERO. HOWEVER, COMMISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO ALTER SKIMMED MILK POWDER UMR FOR EITHER COUNTRY.

2. CONTENT OF ARROWSMITH'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE POINTS MADE REGARDING THE UMR'S IN RESPECT OF GUINEA BISSAU AND UPPER VOLTA ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY MADE IN THE CASE OF CHAD AND LESOTHO.

...(SEE REF. B).

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QUOTE THE COMMENTS MADE BY YOUR DELTTIES#REGARDING GUINEA BISSAU AND UPPER VOLTA HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.

QUOTE IN THE CASE OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO REDUCE UMR'S, BASED ON THE AVERAGE OF COMMERCIAL IMPORTS DURING THE YEARS 1972 TO 1976,

WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE COUNTRIES
IN QUESTION.

QUOTE IN THE CASE OF BUTTEROIL, HOWEVER, WHERE
THE UMR'S ENVISAGED ARE OF A MINIMAL SIZE (20 TONS
AND 30 TONS FOR GUINEA BISSAU AND UPPER VOLTA
RESPECTIVELY) IT IS AGREED THAT THEY BE REDUCED
TO ZERO. AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE
BEEN INFORMED ACCORDINGLY. UNQUOTE. HINTON

NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED.

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